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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takashi SHINZAKI et al.

Serial No. 09/271,249

Group Art Unit: 2132

Confirmation No. 3857

Filed: March 17, 1999

Examiner: Grigory Gurshman

For: AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS AND COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on November 12, 2002. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to January 12/13, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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a' An authentication apparatus includes a measuring unit measuring biometric information of an individual, a converting unit carrying out a predetermined conversion process with respect to the biometric information so as to obtain converted biometric information, an extracting unit extracting feature information from the converted biometric information so as to obtain extracted feature information, and a verifying unit verifying the extracted feature information with respect to the registered information which is registered in advance, so as to authenticate the individual.

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